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POLITENESS PAYS.

REGATTA DAY IS COMING.

What with racing and polo during the past two weeks Regatta Day is not occupying its accustomed eminence in public interest, but this week all eyes are turned to the harbor and the competition promises to be particularly keen. The wisest of the sporting critics are chafing about "picking 'em" in the large races. With the Myrtles, Healanis and Honolulu entering crews, the races should prove sensational from start to finish. The cutter races for sailors will furnish novelty and excitement and there will be plenty of cheering for the men of the interested German gunboat Geier as they lean to the oars.

Regatta Day is a holiday honored by long associations and memories of splendid sport. Next Saturday all other events in the sporting realm—and there are several—will give precedence to the hard-fought competition on Honolulu harbor between the clubs whose rivalry is always keen and always in friendly spirit.

THE CASE OF KEOKALOLE.

Concerning the irregularities in the Paia post-office and the reported confession of Postmaster Keokaloale on the coast, the Weekly Times of Maui says:

"There seems to be little sympathy for the embezzling postmaster on Maui, even among the people of his own race, and the slight esteem in which he is held by them was clearly manifested at the recent election of a delegate to represent Maui at the Democratic national convention in St. Louis, when he was badly defeated by Dr. J. H. Raymond. It must be a pleasant thought and extremely gratifying to the territorial Democratic central committee, who refused to recognize Dr. Raymond as the duly elected delegate from Maui, to know that they succeeded in seating a thief and embezzler in the convention and in debaring a man, whose honesty, integrity and efficiency have never been questioned."

OBJECTIONS TO THE NEW ADAMSON BILL.

Comments in these columns that the Adamson eight-hour law had been rushed through Congress with practically no consideration of its merits is borne out by objections already cropping up in the application of the new statute.

A report comes from San Francisco that passenger trainmen may be obliged to work even longer hours than heretofore. This would indeed be a blunder. The report says that "this law apparently applies to all men engaged in train service and it makes eight hours the basic day, with pro rata overtime. The passenger locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen have been for some time now working on a five-hour basic day. It is pointed out that if the railroads interpret and apply the new law strictly the passenger trainmen will have to work a good many more hours than they are now working."

Railroad attorneys say that the law will be studied by the committee of managers in the East and that its effect on working agreements will be considered. The bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Reed of Missouri provides that the Interstate Commerce Commission investigate what effect the Adamson bill will have on railroad financing and operation and report back to Congress by December 1, a month before the bill becomes effective. Meanwhile the attorneys of the managers' committee in New York will study the bill in all its angles and will decide whether or not in their opinion it is constitutional. All the investigation and study will be conducted in the East.

AS MRS. WILLIAM KENT SEES IT.

An apt commentary on President Wilson's attitude toward woman's suffrage is afforded in this incident which occurred on September 1 in Piedmont, Cal., and is duly reported by the San Francisco papers:

"I am opposing Mr. Wilson because of his hostility to the political freedom of American women." Such was the statement made by Mrs. William Kent, wife of Congressman Kent, before a meeting of women held recently at the home of Mrs. Frank C. Havens, Piedmont.

"Mr. Kent, although he considers himself a good suffragist, is supporting President Wilson in spite of his hostility to the national suffrage amendment," she continued.

"Then," she declared, "will not put suffrage first. Women, therefore, must."

Mrs. Kent urged all California women to vote against Wilson because, she said, he had neglected during his four years of office to aid women to secure the vote. Last year the women who tried in vain to reach Mr. Wilson at the White House with a plea for suffrage felt that they had been snubbed by the nation's chief. He insisted then that suffrage is distinctly a matter for the states to handle. But on the eve of reelection he did not hesitate to appear at the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in Atlantic City last week, and declare that he had "come to fight with the members."

Mr. Wilson is not on record as changing attitude toward the method of attaining equal suffrage, but it certainly appears that he has changed attitude toward the women's organizations which favor the constitutional amendment method. Last year he ignored them; this year he promised to work with them.

An exaggerated incident which occurred recently when a Siamese prince visited Honolulu has been spread widely through the mainland press with criticism of the custom service here—a criticism the customs men do not deserve, since what occurred was due to the mistaken zeal of an immigration officer.

When the prince came down the gangplank, an immigration official jumped to the conclusion that he was an Oriental who should not be allowed ashore, and, as the incident is told here, pushed His Royal Highness back to the deck. When the prince reached San Francisco the happening was exaggerated into a scuffle during which the prince was hit by the officer's fist.

Though the story is much overdone, what the New York Journal of Commerce says of its effect is not exaggerated. This paper comments:

Had the Siamese been a Japanese prince Uncle Sam would have been forced to apologize. Such insults cannot be overlooked by a great power and it was more by good luck than good management that this Honolulu tide-waiter did not compel our government to make amends to Japan for this boorishness. We need not fear Siam or China in a military sense, but the loss of their respect and friendship may cost us the best trade openings in the Orient.

We platitudinize about the open door and then slam our own door in the face of Chinese merchants coming here, as the officials of the Six Companies say, "prepared to throw open to the United States the rich and inexhaustible stores of Oriental trade and commerce." The merchants on their arrival are herded in a detention shed, their wives are held in custody during weeks and often months of investigation, instead of being landed under unquestioned bonds, as humanity dictates. Americans seldom try to learn Chinese, so Chinese who can speak and write English are indispensable. Yet our immigration officials are doing their best to drive Chinese students away.

Politeness is the cheapest thing in the world and it pays the best. Orientals despise whites and look upon them as racial inferiors because they are not courteous enough. No white man can fathom the depth of the contempt in which a high caste Hindu holds a toorish European. How can we expect to win the trade of China when we heap insults upon the merchant princes of that country? The American-made open door to China will not be highly esteemed by the Chinese at this rate, and they may prefer the Oriental courtesy of the Japanese to the boorishness of the American tide-waiters with whom they come in contact. Japan may have designs on China's freedom, which we have not, but the Chinese have been a subject people for centuries and Japanese rule would be more efficient than, and superior in every way, to Manchu sovereignty.

Our immigration service should be reformed. We cannot afford to lose the trade of the Orient in order to keep some boorish tide-waiters in office.

Shortage of meat is not confined to the Central Powers. Russia is the latest country to order the "meatless days." In Rumania the consumption of meat has been rigidly restricted since the first of July. Prior to that time there had been two "meatless days" per week and since then the number has been increased to three. An exception is made in the case of invalids, for whom sparing use of poultry is allowed.

Speaking of Manoa improvement, mention should be made of the experimental roads laid along the approaches to the College of Hawaii. A number of kinds of paving material are shown here, each laid as near perfectly as possible. Some are doubtless better than others, and all are better than the chuckle-strewn stretch which used to daunt those approaching the local Parnassian Mount.

The fact that James Whitcomb Riley left an estate estimated at \$200,000, practically all of it the proceeds of his poetry, tells a story of appreciation of his verse even more eulogistic than the friendly words to be found in nearly all American newspapers. No recent poet in America was more popular than Riley, and the appreciation took a substantial monetary form.—New York World.

As a matter of territory-wide interest we hereby report that Mr. Tyrus Cobb of Detroit has gained nine points on Mr. Tris Speaker of Cleveland in the race for big-league batting honors. The latest averages obtainable show that the eminent Georgian is going at a furious clip.

Too bad some of the civic obstructionists could not have been present at the Manoa ground-breaking ceremony yesterday. They would have decided that the frontage-tax plan isn't so unpopular, after all.

Notice to Mariners: The September chart of Kakaia avenue is now being prepared, and bell-buoys and lights will shortly mark the more dangerous spots along the coast.

Instead of biting off a chunk of Austria, it looks as if Rumania will have to fight to save her own skin.

Naturally both Republicans and Democrats are going to figure a victory out of the Maine election.

Now we shall have some "pop" in the national campaign. Charles Warren Fairbanks has started!

Britain ought to explain the blacklist in another White Book.

Somebody seems to have put the muffer on King Constantine.

'Tis the growing season for political prophets.

BIG HOTEL DEAL NOT DECIDED ON, LATEST REPORT

Honoluluans returning from San Francisco on the Matsunia bring the impression that no definite progress is being made toward swinging the big hotel deal for this city which local and coast capitalists have been contemplating.

It is said that neither the local nor the mainland men of money wish to be the first to raise the \$50,000 or \$60,000 necessary to get the project going, and that James Woods, the St. Francis manager who came here to look over the situation, is not positive that another big beach hotel is demanded by the business in sight.

Woods, like William H. Crane, the veteran actor, is deeply charmed with Hawaii as a tourist resort, but it is said that the plans for embarking on a new hotel venture are still under consideration without decision either way.

CHARITIES ASSOCIATION HAS NEW DEMANDS MADE ON IT DURING AUGUST

According to the August report of the Associated Charities 50 new families came under their care, of which the individuals totaled 139. In all, 182 families, composed of 766 persons, were assisted.

Statistics are, as a rule, dry reading, but this report contains many interesting features. The report shows that Portuguese families cared for leads the list with 17, composed of 83 individuals; Hawaiians were next with 16 of 52 persons; Americans, 13 of 39; Spanish, 10 of 44; Chinese, 4 of 13; Porto Rican, 3 of 17; Russians, 2 of 14 and the other races one or two families with three or less individuals.

From the above it is evident that the members of each Russian family total the highest with 7; Porto Ricans come second with 5.25; Chinese third with 5.14; Portuguese, 4.15; Spanish, 4.25; Hawaiian, 3.14, and American 3.

Of the 76, old and new, assisted, 44 were married, 13 single resident men, 9 transient single men, 4 widows, 3 deserted families, 1 orphan, 1 single woman and 1 widower.

PERSONALITIES

THEODORE WOLFF, Honolulu man, returned on the Matsunia from a trip to California.

MRS. A. B. ANGUS and son, Philip, will leave on the Matsunia September 20 for a six months' visit on the mainland.

A. H. TARTLETON, formerly with the Oahu Railway & Land Company and more recently with the Patterson railroad built in connection with the Mineral Products Company development, has severed his connection with the latter road and embarked on some business for himself.

MISS KATE WIGHT and Mrs. Brabant of Kohala, Hawaii, who left on July 21 by the Makua, are making a tour in British Columbia. From Victoria they motored with Dr. Herbert and family. Mr. Douglas Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and their two daughters of Kohala to the beautiful lake region of Alberni. Like many people from the islands, they enjoyed the round trip to Alaska through the inland passage immensely. They intend to return by way of San Francisco in the early part of October.

TONIGHT'S BAND PROGRAM

Beginning at 7:30 o'clock this evening, the Hawaiian Band will render the following program at the Seaside Hotel:

March—"The Navy".....Lithgow
Overture—"Queen of Autumn".....Bigge
Hawaiian Patrol—"Kilauea".....Stewart
Friedmann's Slavonic Rhapsody.....
.....Arranged by Lake
PART II
Five Hawaiian Songs.....
.....Hawaiian Band Glee Club
Selection—"The Kingpin".....Taylor
Waltz, Hesitation—"Geraldine".....
One Step March—"A Dangerous
our Girl"
"Aloha Oe"—Hawaii Ponoi."
"The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Hawaiian Band played this noon, from 12 to 1 o'clock in Bishop Park, opposite the Alexander Young Hotel. Thursday evening it will play in the public bath pavilion, Waikiki, a short concert and dance, beginning at 7:30 o'clock and ending at 10 o'clock.

Nottingham, England, plans to attract new factories when the war ends.

LICENSE FEES MAKE RECORD FOR HONOLULU

Since July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, \$102,000 has been taken in by D. L. Conkling, treasurer, for merchandise store, driving and other licenses.

This is the largest amount ever received during this period—July, August and half of September—and shows that business-houses and other public business enterprises are rapidly increasing in Honolulu. During the entire fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, but \$106,000 was received, and it is evident that with only \$4000 to equal last year's figures and over nine months remaining, the yearly record will also be broken.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—W. G. ALLEN: I had no trouble in getting laborers for the Manoa project. In fact, more applied than I could use right away. We start with a full gang.

—R. RUDLAND BODE, choirmaster St. Andrew's cathedral: The choir is starting rehearsals of Advent music this week. We have some particularly fine voices to sing.

—L. C. THOMPSON: Believe me, a surfboard is a regular torpedo when a big wave is behind it. I don't long to be hit with one again. My eye will be black for a week.

—J. ASHMAN BEAVEN, secretary Outrigger Canoe Club: Mashers making any more attempts to annoy women bathers at the Outrigger will get all that is coming to them.

—S. S. PAXSON: Stories of my leaving Honolulu are slightly exaggerated. I like Hawaii and I have no intention of disposing of my interests here. Just a vacation trip, that's all.

—DAVID C. KAMAHOA, police patrol driver: I just left town during my vacation and made the acquaintance again of many places of interest around Oahu. The old island certainly looked good to me.

—JOHN HILLS, police department: I was born 44 years ago today in French Tahiti, but I would not have remembered if my family had not reminded me. Times are slipping by pretty fast nowadays, but I don't feel more than half that old.

—GEORGE J. BROWN, assistant manager Royal Hawaiian Hotel: If tourists could only be assured of return passage when they wanted it we would have more of them. Delay is hard enough on those who can afford it, let alone the others.

—J. H. FISHER, auditor: When I heard that one of the government houses at Molokai had burned down I was mighty glad to remember that we have an insurance fund in the territory. It will be a big help in case the place is to be rebuilt.

—H. GOODING FIELD: Scarcely a mail comes in from the mainland without bringing me letters from game fishermen who wish to try the local waters, having heard within the past year or two that they can get splendid sport here. Many of them will bring their families and stay from one to six months.

—J. A. KENNEDY, president the Inter-Island: Although island beef shippers are kicking about our slight increase in freight rates, the fact remains that they are getting 100 per cent more for their beef wholesale than in 1907. Prior to September 1, our livestock shipping rates remained unchanged for 30 years.

—DONALD H. GILMOUR, assistant passenger agent C. Brewer & Co.: The threatened railway strike on the mainland has cut down passenger travel in the states and consequently to Hawaii considerably. People were not particularly anxious to get very far from home if there was any doubt about their getting back.

—WILLIAM LISHMAN: Why don't the proper authorities, territorial or municipal, import bats to see if they will not get away with the Japanese beetle. With that pest the days and nights of the rose-grower are full of sorrow. I have tried the electric light as an antidote, but without success—in fact the beetle serenely roosts on the light bulb.

—ARTHUR F. WALL: I hope all hibiscus growers are remembering that this is the month in which they should prune their bushes if they want

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to exhibit in the Carnival hibiscus show next February. To get the best results then, bushes should be cut back now. Valentine Holt of the Agricultural Experiment Station will be glad to give advice to those who have need of his expert knowledge.

FEAST OF FULL MOON OBSERVED BY CHINESE

Snapping firecrackers called the attention of folk in various parts of Honolulu to the fact of some Chinese celebration under way Monday evening. It was the feast of the full moon celebrated each year in mid August and again in mid September.

It is an old Chinese custom at the full of the moon in August and in September to observe these celebrations with songs, music and prayers for good harvests. Presents of cake among friends were exchanged and

the evening made a social one. Among the songs sung is one which says: "For viewing the moon there are many months in which it can be seen, but the month of moon view is the one for gazing at the moon."

SUPERVISORS WILL MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday evening the board of supervisors will meet to take up several matters, the most important of which is the Boretania street project. Other business will be the passing of the ray roll and other general bills. The King street extension assessment roll and a report from the health committee on the investigation of the fish market will also be heard.

Miss Rosa Dias and Oscar A. Green were married Saturday by Rev. Fr. Stephen J. Alencastre. Mary Dias and Manuel Dias accompanied the couple.

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